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1. THERE HAVE BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS OR CHANGES IN HUMAN
RIGHTS CONDITIONS WITHIN OMAN SINCE SUBMISSION OF REFERENCE (B).

2. THROUGH LOCAL BRITISH EMBASSY, WE HAVE LEARNED THAT APPEAL HAS
BEEN MADE TO "AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL" TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGED TORTURE
BY OMANI OFFICIALS. PLAINTIFF IS ONE JOHN ALLAN (ALIAS JOHAN ALOIS
KUCHAR), WHO SOMETIMES HAS CLAIMED THAT HE IS U.S. CITIZEN. EM-
BASSY HAS FOLLOWED CASE CLOSELY. ALLAN ENTERED OMAN ON FORGED
LAOTIAN PASSPORT. WHEN HE FALSIFIED INFORMATION IN CONNECTION WITH
OMANGOV JOB APPLICATION, HE WAS ARRESTED AND IMPRISONED FOR APPROX-
IMATELY THREE MONTHS. DURING THIS TIME HE NEVER ONCE APPEALED FOR
CONSULAR ASSISTANCE, NOR DID HE PRODUCE ANY DOCUMENTATION TO SUP-
PORT CLAIM TO U.S. CITIZENSHIP. IN FEBRUARY HE WAS TRIED AND CON-
VICTED OF ILLEGAL ENTRY, USE OF FALSE PASSPORT, AND MISRE-
PRESENTATION OF FACT IN APPLYING FOR GOVERNMENT POSITION. HE
WAS SENTENCED TO THREE MONTH SENTENCES FOR EACH CONVICTION,
THE SENTENCES TO RUN CONCURRENTLY. SINCE HE ALREADY HAD SPENT
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APPROXIMATELY THIS AMOUNT OF TIME IN PRISON WHILE AWAITING

TRIAL, HE ALMOST IMMEDIATELY WAS RELEASED AND DEPORTED FROM OMAN. OMANGOV INTENTION WAS THAT HE SHOULD BE RETURNED TO HIS COUNTRY OF BIRTH (CZECHOSLOVAKIA), BUT REPORTS INDICATE THAT HE MAY BE IN WEST GERMANY. AT ANY RATE, IF "AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL" PERUSES HIS INTERPOL FILE, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT ORGANIZATION WILL FIND HIM TO BE TRUSTWORTHY SUBJECT FOR THEIR ATTENTION.

3. EMBASSY HAS HAD NO OCCASION TO APPROACH OMANGOV ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES SINCE HOST GOVERNMENT RECORD IS QUITE SATISFACTORY ON THIS COUNT.

4. AIRGRAM REPORT BEING SENT IN NEXT CLASSIFIED POUCH.

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